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E.O. 11652: AGDS 8-8-76
SUBJECT: LF/MF PRIORITIES

1. THE GERMAN GENERAL MANAGER OF RIAS WAS TOLD BY SOME OF HIS EXECUTIVE COLLEAGUES THAT THEY SHARE THE FOLLOWING IMPRESSION: THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SCANT INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE MEDIUM-WAVE CAPACITY OF RIAS.

2. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMANTS, A DELEGATION MADE UP OF MESSRS BARTLETT, CAMPBLELL, MURPHY AND ANDERSON (NAMES PHONETICALLY RENDERED) PAID A LATE JULY CALL ON THE GERMAN INSITITUTE FOR RADIO TECHNOLOGY (IRT) IN HAMBURG.

3. THE CHIEF OF IRT LATER REPORTED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE GERMAN RADIO AND TV BROADCASTERS (ARD) HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICANS PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS AS THOSE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS LF/MF PRIORITIES. THOSE VIEWS WERE THAT THE U.S. FAVORS, IN ORDER, ONE MEDIUM-WAVE CHANNEL FOR AVN; ONE FOR VOA (PLUS A LONG-WAVE FREQUENCY); AND ONE MEDIUM-WAVE CHANNEL FOR RFE--ALL MF TO HAVE POWER OF 500 KW.

4. WHEN THE IRT CHIEF ASKED ABOUT RIAS, HE GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE AMERICANS HAD NO INTEREST IN DEFENDING THE RIAS MF CAPACITY AT THE UPCOMING GENEVA CONFERENCE.
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5. THIS VIEW SO AMAZED THE IRT CHIEF THAT HE LOST LITTLE TIME
IN PASSING IT ALONG TO ARD COLLEAGUES. EQUALLY AMAZED, SEVERAL
CONTACTED THE RIAS GENERAL MANAGER, WHO NATURALLY CONVEYED THIS
TO THE U.S. DIRECTOR.

6. RIAS HASTENS TO SHARE THIS NUGGET WITH THE AGENCY--AND
TO SOLICIT PROMPT CLARIFICATION.
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